

**CHAPTER 253--S.F.No. 2775**

*An act relating to utilities; requiring notice to city when customer's heat source disconnected; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.681, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.681, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **Utility disconnection.** Utility data on disconnections provided to cities under section 216B.0976 shall be treated as private data on individuals or nonpublic data.

**Sec. 2. [216B.0976] NOTICE TO CITIES OF UTILITY DISCONNECTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Notice required.** Notwithstanding section 13.685 or any other law or administrative rule to the contrary, a public utility, cooperative electric association, or municipal utility must provide notice to a statutory city or home rule charter city, as prescribed by this section, of disconnection of a customer's gas or electric service. Upon written request from a city, on October 15 and November 1 of each year, or the next business day if that date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, a report must be made available to the city of the address of properties currently disconnected and the date of the disconnection. Upon written request from a city, between October 15 and April 15, daily reports must be made available of the address and date of any newly disconnected properties.

A city provided notice under this section must provide the information on disconnection to the police and fire departments of the city within three business days of receipt of the notice.

For the purpose of this section, "disconnection" means a cessation of services initiated by the public utility, cooperative electric association, or municipal utility that affects the primary heat source of a residence and service is not reconnected within 24 hours.

Subd. 2. **Data.** Data on customers that are provided to cities under subdivision 1 are private data on individuals or nonpublic data, as defined in section 13.02.

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Signed by the governor May 1, 2008, 10:18 a.m.